




**DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY 1 (2019)**

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**Diploma in Public Accountability 1**

- **Public Accountability 1:**
  - ❖ US 119334 - **Karel van der Molen**
  - ❖ US 116361 - **Karel van der Molen**
  - ❖ US 116342 - **Dr Len Mortimer \***
- **Institutional Conduct 1:**
  - ❖ US 116343 - **Karel van der Molen**
  - ❖ US 116339 - **Dr Len Mortimer \***
- **Managing Institutional Performance 1:**
  - ❖ US 116341 - **Dr Len Mortimer \***
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**ORIENTATION (3)**

**All the necessary information .....**

- **Assessment Plan**
- **Learner Guides**
- **Contact sessions**
- **Website – additional material**
- **Facilitators**
- **Programme Coordinators**

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**ORIENTATION (1)**



Important Dates

❖ **Contact Session:**

Done

❖ **Telematic Session:**

7 May 2019 – Today 😊

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**ORIENTATION (2)**



Important Dates

❖ **Exams:**

First exam - Done

Concession exam - **coming**

❖ **Assignment:**

31 May 2019 - **coming**

8 July 2019 – Concession

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**Public Accountability 1:**

**US 119334 - Assessment Plan:  
Assignment**



**Assignment: 40 marks (Length: ± 750 words)**

Critically evaluate the compliance of your municipality with the MFMA using the annual report and audit reports as source documents. Consider what actions the municipality should be taking to amend or correct non-compliance. If in your opinion your municipality constitutes a best practice and it has limited non-compliance, explain what other municipalities should be doing to improve their non-compliance.

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**Public Accountability 1:**  
**US 116361 - Assessment Plan:**  
**Assignment**



**Assignment: 40 marks (Length: ± 750 words)**

Discuss the nature and profile of poverty in your municipality as an environmental input to policy-making in your municipality with specific reference to policies aimed at addressing poverty and the current and specific efforts at alleviating poverty in your municipality.

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**Institutional Conduct 1:**  
**US 116343 - Assessment Plan:**  
**Assignment**



It is expected of public institutions to properly implement legislation, regulations and codes relating to governance and ethics by applying the principles that underpin professional code of ethics for officials. It is necessary for all officials to initiate or improve commitment and compliance in the implementation of a code of ethics and governance regulations in the public sector including entities.

Analyse and discuss the application and implementation of these principles in your institution or any institution of your choice with reference to:

- 1) The implementation of the various laws, rules, regulations and codes applicable the public sector.
- 2) The implementation of these laws, rules, regulations and codes in dealing with issues of dishonesty, unethical behaviour and transgressions of the various laws, rules, regulations and codes.
- 3) Whether the institution has consistently applying the various laws, rules, regulations and codes
- 4) Any recommendations that you would make in for improvement of the communication and implementation of the various laws, rules, regulations and codes; and
- 5) Any recommendations, in the light of your answers and responses above, that you would consider relevant to the policies and procedures in your institution.

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**Plagiarism**  
**and why you should care**



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### What if?



- Your electrician cheated his way through his exams. Will your new home be safe?
- Your lawyer paid for a copy of the exam paper. Will the contract she wrote for you stand up in court?
- The accountant who does your taxes hired someone to write his papers and paid a stand-in to take his major tests? Does he know enough to complete your tax forms properly?

*(Lathrop and Foss, 1987)*

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### The excuses




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**Plagiarism – a definition**

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**Plagiarism – a few definitions**



- Plagiarism is the presenting the words, ideas, images, sounds, or the creative expression of others as your own
- Plagiarism is the act of stealing someone else's work and attempting to "pass it off" as your own. This can apply to anything, from assignments papers to photographs to songs, even ideas!
- Misrepresenting the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own. It includes reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and representing these as one's own thinking by not acknowledging the appropriate source or by the failure to use appropriate quotation marks
- **And the Stellenbosch University definition:**
  - Plagiarism is the theft and use of the ideas, material and other intellectual property of others that are passed off as one's own

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*So, what must you do to avoid Plagiarism?*

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**Be honest**



- Avoiding plagiarism is quite simple - the best method for avoiding it is to simply be honest
- When you've used a source in your assignment or thesis, give credit where it is due - acknowledge the author of the original work you have used

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**Use your own words**



- Another way to avoid plagiarism is to use your own work as often as possible
- Quoting and citing sources is usually required and inevitable when doing research – that is how you "back up" your own work. But using someone else's work excessively can be construed as plagiarism
- Another way to it is to quote and/or cite your sources properly

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*How do you reference your sources?*

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**Stellenbosch University – Policy on Academic**



**Integrity: The Prevention and Handling of Plagiarism (1)**

- The intention of academic work [of students] is precisely that the ideas of the student [is] shaped and honed by the ideas, written material and various intellectual and creative products of others
- Naturally, the original contribution by a person can only be evaluated if it can be distinguished clearly from the contributions of other people
- This is done by way of acknowledged systems of acknowledgement and referencing. By not following these conventions and giving the necessary acknowledgement, the basis of the academic work at a university is undermined. By taking over this work (words, ideas, creations) of other people and passing it off as the writer's own is to commit plagiarism

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Thank you .....

**Karel van der Molen**

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